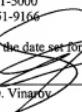


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2007, the applicants respond herewith as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.